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SUBJ: PERES ON ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS OFFICIAL GOI SUMMARY OF REMARKS (IN ENGLISH)
BY DEFENSE MINISTER PERES ON FEBRUARY 25 REGARDING EGYPTIAN-
ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN INTERIM AGREEMENT.

2. BEGIN TEXT. JERUSALEM--SHOULD EGYPT BE WILLING TO GUARANTEE
STRIGHTFORWARDLY AND PUBLICLY THAT SHE ENDS THE STATE OF WAR
ISRAEL WOULD BE READY TO TAKE A CHANCE AND TO TRUST HER, AND
RELINQUISH A SIZEABLE AREA FOR A PEACE ARRANGEMENT, BUT SO
LONG AS SHE REFUSES TO PROVIDE SUCH A GUARANTEE HER REFUSAL
IS THE MOST CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF THE GRAVITY OF HER STAND-
POINT, SAID THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, MR SHIMON PERES, THIS
EVENING AT HIS MEETING WITH THE YOUNG LEADERSHIP OF THE
ENGLAND, HOLLAND AND SOUTH AFRICA KEREN HAYESOD CAMPAIGN.

3. THE MINISTER EMPHASIZED THAT ISRAEL WANTS TO
DISCUSS AN ARRANGEMENT WITH EGYPT WITH REGARD TO TWO
POSSIBILITIES THAT SHE HAS SUGGESTED: 1. A LIMITED
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SETTLEMENT IN WHICH ISRAEL WOULD RELINQUISH A LIMITED

AREA AND BE SATISFIED WITH A POLITICAL RETURN FROM EGYPT
RELATIVE TO ISRAEL'S TERRITORIAL CONCESSION.

4. THE SECOND POSSIBILITY WHICH ISRAEL IS WILLING TO DISCUSS
IS A BROADER ARRANGEMENT IN WHICH ISRAEL IS READY TO CON-
CEDE A BROADER AREA BUT WOULD DEMAND A MUCH MORE REALISTIC
POLITICAL CONCESSION ON EGYPT'S PART.

5. THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE SAID THAT ISRAEL WANTS A DIRECT
AND PUBLIC GUARANTEE OF NON-BELLIGERENCY, IN THE SAME MANNER
AS SHE WAS ATTACKED ON YOM-KIPPUR--DIRECTLY AND PUBLICLY,
WITHOUT A THIRD PARTY INTERVENING. END QUOTE.
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